



Program Criteria Comparison

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE TRACK and CLEAN UTAH!



National Environmental Performance Track and Clean Utah! are voluntary programs designed to foster and reward environmental excellence. Performance Track is a national EPA program and Clean Utah! is a statewide Department of Environmental Quality program. This fact sheet summarizes and compares criteria for the Performance Track Program and the Tier Two - Partner Level of Clean Utah!. Clean Utah! has three different levels (Tier One - Entry Level, Tier Two - Partner Level, Tier Three- Leader Level). For additional information on these programs or incentives, see program web sites or contact program coordinators.

Common Program Criteria:

- **EMS Components:** Common elements include: an EMS with a written policy; planned targets and goals; clear roles and responsibilities for meeting goals; plans for checking and correcting non-conformance issues; and documented management review.
- **EMS Self-Assessment:** Facility is expected to conduct regular EMS self-assessments and compliance audits.
- **EMS Cycle:** Facility must have completed one full EMS cycle including implementation, evaluation, and review.
- **Compliance Record:** Facility must pass a comprehensive compliance screen covering federal, state, and local regulations.
- **Site Visits:** Periodic site visits are conducted as part of the programs.
- **Future Performance:** Facility must make specific commitments to improve future environmental performance.
- **Annual Report:** Report must include EMS data and qualitative and quantitative information illustrating a facility's progress towards its goals.
- **Community Outreach:** Facility must provide a plan to identify and respond to local concerns and inform community of important matters that affect it.
- **Self-Certification:** A senior facility manager must certify that all statements in both the application and the annual report are true, accurate, and complete.

Clean Utah! - Additional Criteria:

- **Application:** A multi-interest public panel reviews and makes recommendations regarding facility advancement into Tiers 2 or 3.
- **Future Performance:** Facility must make a commitment to two environmental projects with significance to the facility's industry and previous efforts. One project must be from a core category: waste reduction, water management, and air emissions. The other project must be from a suggested category, which includes transportation management, recycling/reuse, procurement, energy conservation, and land use management.
- **Membership Term:** There is no specific membership duration, but members must propose a new project when one is nearing completion, and must actively work on two approved projects to remain in the program.

Web Site: <http://www.deq.utah.gov/cleanutah>

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Performance Track - Additional Criteria:

- **Application:** A company with multiple facilities must complete an application for each facility.
- **EMS Independent Assessment:** An independent EMS assessment is to have taken place at the time of application.
- **Past Performance:** Applicants should provide two past achievements (small facilities only need to provide one), with only one achievement to any one indicator. Achievements need to be in standard format and normalized.
- **Future Performance:** Facility must make a commitment to future performance on four environmental indicators from at least two unique categories. Commitments must be reported in a standard format and performance for most commitments must be normalized.
- **Community References:** Facility must provide community references (e.g., member of a citizen group, union, local agency).
- **Membership Term:** Membership is for three years.

Web Site: www.epa.gov/performance-track

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